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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 17, 2005, attorney for applicant elects species 16 (figures 40-44). Pending claims 1-45 are believed to read on this species.

Responses to Restriction Requirements in related patent application Serial Nos. 10/680,732 and 10/680,716 are also being made in separate responses transmitted by fax today. Further, additional related applications, also filed on October 6, 2003 are:

10/680,071;

10/680,560;

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10/680,070;
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10/680,567;
10/680,075;
10/680,069;
10/680,719;
10/680,733;
10/680,562; and
10/680,717.

Lastly, a personal interview regarding these cases is requested for Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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